

Florence, New Jersey
May 20, 2015

The Florence Township Council held a regular meeting on the above date in the Municipal Complex, 711 Broad Street, Florence, New Jersey.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Sandusky at 8:00 PM. President Sandusky led the Salute to the Flag.

The Opening Statement was read by the Township Clerk: Notice was posted on the municipal bulletin board; placed on the web-site on January 8, 2015; and advertised in the Burlington Co. Times on January 11, 2015. It was also provided to the now defunct Register News for information.

Present: Frank Baldorossi, Ted Lovenduski, Paul Ostrander, David Woolston, Jerry Sandusky

Also present: Mayor Craig H. Wilkie; Richard A. Brook, Township Administrator; Thomas A. Sahol, Assistant Administrator; Kelly Grant, Esq.

MINUTES

Lovenduski made a MOTION; seconded by Ostrander to approve the following minutes. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried. Unanimous approval.

- Township Council Regular Session – April 15, 2015
- Township Council Closed Session – May 6, 2015 and May 13, 2015

FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

It was the MOTION of Ostrander; seconded by Lovenduski to receive and file the Township Clerk's Report for April. Roll call vote – All ayes. Motion Carried.

It was on the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Woolston to approve the **Treasurer's Bill List**.

Upon roll call Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

REGULAR CORRESPONDENCE: None at this time.

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APPLICATIONS:

- A. Night at the Races, Civic Association, June 26, 2015 from 6:00pm-11:00pm
Roebling American Legion to Benefit the Roebling American Legion

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Baldorossi to approve Application A. Council President Sandusky recused himself due to a conflict. Roll call vote – all others voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Scheetz, 12 Church Street, said he heard there was an accident at the intersection of Broad Street and Front Street. He said the area is lit, but not very well. People come out of nowhere and it is dark. There is a safety issue. He suggested using the system Cooper Medical has for pedestrians crossing the road. Pedestrians hit a button and lights start flashing, almost like a traffic signal. The intersection in Florence is heavily traveled by pedestrians.

Mayor Wilkie explained that three years ago Florence Township had striping put on the road to designate where the crosswalk was. It is a highly traveled area. He said he just came from Memorial Hospital and there was a system similar to what Mr. Scheetz suggested. When a pedestrian approaches the crosswalk the lights start blinking. Florence Township can look into installing something but honestly it is very expensive.

Mayor Wilkie said unfortunately the recent accident involved a driver who was intoxicated. Mr. Scheetz said he was not intoxicated when he almost hit someone at that intersection. Mayor Wilkie said the Police Department will review the situation and see if there is a need for improvements.

Council President Sandusky said the area in question is very congested this time of year. The snack shop is right there and people are walking back and forth from the shop to the boat dock. He liked the idea of having some kind of pedestrian crossing notification but acknowledged it would be very costly. He thinks drivers should be a little more aware of the congestion in the area. He hopes the police report will have some suggestions.

Administrator Brook said the township will certainly ask the Police Department to take a look at the area. It is a Burlington County road, so any type of light system would have to be installed by them. Unfortunately, regarding the incident that Mr. Scheetz referred to, the driver was charged with DUI; she left the scene of the accident and was caught in another municipality. It was a very unfortunate situation where the driver was not paying attention. He said he hopes the woman who was injured makes a full recovery.

Mr. Scheetz said he was paying attention but it was very difficult to see people. Council President Sandusky said he understands it is a very congested area. There are children at the snack shop and always a lot of people at the boat dock this time of year; also, many people make U-Turns in front of the snack shop.

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Don Kamienski, 10 McCay Drive, said when people come from the snack shop and make a U-turn it is really a potential problem. He would like the township to look into how to stop this practice.

Seeing no one else wishing to be heard, it was the MOTION of Woolston; seconded by Lovenduski to close the public comment. All ayes.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-118

**Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Shared Services
Agreement Between Florence Township and the Township of Bordentown
for Animal Control Services**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-119

**Award the Contract for Rehabilitation of
Well No. 3 to
A.C. Schultes, Inc.
664 South Evergreen Avenue
Woodbury Heights, NJ 08097**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-120

**Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue
in the Budget of the Township of Florence,
County of Burlington, Pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87
Chapter 159, P.L. 1948**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-121

**Authorize Purchase of a Caterpillar Mini
Hydraulic Excavator and Compact Track Loader
Through Participation in the National Joint Powers Alliance**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-122

**Approve Change Order No. 1 for
2014-2015 Road Resurfacing Project
Richard T. Barrett Paving Company, Inc.**

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RESOLUTION NO. 2015-123

**Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Services Agreement with the
Township of Bordentown Regarding the Usage of the
UCC Construction Services**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-124

**Approve Request for Reduction of Performance Bond for
The Estates at Oak Mill, Pulte Homes
Phase II Landscaping**

NOTE: Conditioned upon payment of any and all escrow funds due

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-125

**Approve Release of Water Distribution and Sanitary Sewer
Performance Bonds**

Water Distribution No. LPM9044837

Sanitary Sewer No. LPM9044838

NFI Real Estate, Phase III A, Building C

Note: No Maintenance Bonds Required

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-126

**Resolution Providing for the Insertion of a Special Item of Revenue
in the Budget of the Township of Florence,
County of Burlington, Pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-87
Chapter 159, P.L. 1948**

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-127

Amending

Resolution No. 2015-01

“Annual Notice and Schedule of Meetings

Pursuant to Chapter 231, P.L. 1975”

The Open Public Meetings Act

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Sandusky to approve Resolution Nos. 2015-118 through 2015-127.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

YEAS: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Unanimous approval.

Motion carried.

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ORDINANCES

**ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRIVATE SALE OF
CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN
A DESIGNATED REDEVELOPMENT AREA
AND OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF FLORENCE AND
IDENTIFIED ON THE MUNICIPAL TAX MAP AS
BLOCK 160.01, LOT 14 AND BLOCK 160.01 LOT 15
(1ST Reading) (Public Hearing & Adoption 6/3/15)**

Administrator Brook explained this involved two properties on Route 130 North as you enter Florence Township from Burlington Township. One is the Nirdip Motel and the other is a small lot that used to be Bradley Fence. The township has acquired both properties in an effort to redevelop that part of the community. The township is now selling those two parcels to Burlington Coat Factory. Their intention is to demolish the Nirdip Motel and then redevelop the area over the next several years.

It was the MOTION of Lovenduski, seconded by Woolston to approve Ordinance No. 2015-13 and set the public hearing and adoption for June 3, 2015.

Upon roll call, Council voted as follows:

AYES: Baldorossi, Lovenduski, Ostrander, Woolston, Sandusky

NOES: None

ABSENT: None Unanimous approval. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Committees, Boards and Officers: Nothing at this time.

Administration

Mayor

Mayor Wilkie said it is going to be a very busy **Memorial Day Weekend**. Friday night there is a softball tournament that will run through Sunday. Saturday starts off at 9:00am with a **Run for Technology** that the school is holding. The **Bike Rodeo and Wellness Fair** starts at 10:00am at the Municipal Building. That evening is also a Senior Citizen Prom at the High School.

On Sunday at 10:00am American Legion Post 194 will begin their **Memorial Services** and visiting the local cemeteries and monuments. On Monday at 10:00am Post 39 will be going through Roebbling to visit the cemeteries and monuments there. Baseball will be holding their all-star game that afternoon. He reminded everyone to remember and say a special prayer for those who didn't return home as we celebrate Memorial Day.

Mayor Wilkie said he would not be able to attend the June 3rd meeting due to a work commitment. There is no second meeting in June.

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Administrator

Administrator Brook said the township has been negotiating with **Whitesell** regarding the roads in the Haines Center that have been there for quite a while. It is time for the township to take the roads over as public streets. He anticipated that it will be finalized at a June meeting.

Chief Bunce asked him to let everyone know the **Adopt-A-Cop** end of the year event is scheduled for June 17th at Nykita Field. It is a very well received program. Chief Bunce also told him that the previous day was the day that many officers in New Jersey travel to Ocean Grove to pay their respects to officers who have fallen in the line of duty. Officer Michelle Hollins was there to sing. She is one of only two officers in the State of NJ who is asked to sing at these kinds of events. It is an extremely moving event. Former Chief Alvin Scully used to say the same thing when he would attend.

The **2016 Road Program** is beginning to come together and there are rough parameters for Engineer Biegen to work with. He anticipates a draft will be done within two or three weeks for the engineer. The 2016 Road Program will be more extensive than the 2015 Road Program, primarily because the Debt Service is beginning to dissipate.

Assistant Municipal Administrator

Assistant Administrator Sahol said West Third Street, Third Avenue and Eighth Avenue are complete. Next week the contractor will be starting on concrete work, curbs and sidewalks on East Third Street from Spruce Street to Broad Street and on portions of Spruce Street. The Contractor is also going to be doing work on Bustleton Road after he receives approvals from Burlington County. After school closes for the summer, he will immediately go to Cedar Street and East Third Street. Boulevard will be right around the same time frame. There have really been no complaints. It was a little slow with some of the concrete work but the paving was very quick.

Regarding the library, the work is coming along nicely. The roof sections are being tied in. The concern regarding the waste dumpster was addressed. The library will be closed this Friday until Tuesday morning. This is happening because there is interior masonry work that needs to be done. The closure was posted on Channel 19 and on the township website.

The two homes on Hornberger Avenue by the bridge are currently being demolished. The property on Railroad Avenue is well under way as far as separating materials and the demolition. He thinks both sites will be cleared within the next week.

Council President Sandusky said it seems as though the corner of Fourth Avenue and Hornberger Avenue has become a dumping ground. The township is back to twice a week trash pick-up; there is no need for there to be dumping there. He asked if something could be done.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said he is not sure how many people are actually using the trash can because they are walking by or if people are just using it as their own personal trash can.

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Council Member Baldorossi said there was a huge pile of pine tree branches and there are no pine trees in that area, so they were from somewhere else. Last week there were couches and bags of concrete.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said within two hours of those items being picked up he looked again and there was a broken step ladder and lots of cardboard and more trash in the can. Council President Sandusky said that is unfair to the township workers who are picking it up. Mayor Wilkie asked if there was a camera system that could be installed? Assistant Administrator Sahol said the township does not own a camera system. Mayor Wilkie suggested contacting Burlington County for one. Council Member Baldorossi said it is a weekly problem. Council Vice President Woolston suggested using a hunting camera.

Assistant Administrator Sahol said if Council thinks the receptacle is necessary that's fine but if it is only being used for dumping, it could be removed. Council Member Baldorossi said it is really for people walking their dogs, they throw their bags of waste in the can. If it wasn't there, they have to carry the bag back to their house. Council President Sandusky said people are so used to dumping there, they won't stop if the can is removed.

Administrator Brook suggested installing a camera to catch who is doing illegal dumping. If they are caught on camera or someone physically sees them, a citation could be issued. Mayor Wilkie suggested asking around area properties to see if any of them have cameras. Administrator Brook suggested canvassing to let the residents know that citations will be issued for the illegal dumping.

Mayor Wilkie asked Assistant Administrator Sahol if the contractor could provide a schedule for the roadwork? He would like to have an idea of what is getting done when to have a heads-up. Assistant Administrator Sahol said he asked for the schedule and will get it to Mayor and Council as soon as he receives it.

Division of Law Nothing at this time.

Division of Engineering Nothing at this time.

Unfinished Business Nothing at this time.

New Business Nothing at this time.

Miscellaneous Nothing at this time.

Public Comments: Open to the Public

Mr. Scheetz said regarding the dumping, his friend works for park police and they caught illegal dumpers in Pemberton with the game cameras. They were motion activated cameras. Council President Sandusky said he saw that in the paper and the dumpers received large fines.

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It was the **MOTION** of Woolston; seconded by Lovenduski to close the public portion of the meeting. Roll call vote – all ayes. Unanimous approval.

8:21 PM MOTION of Lovenduski; seconded by Woolston to adjourn. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:21 PM: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

JOY M. WEILER, RMC/MMC
Township Clerk
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